Tasar Project was implemented in Orissa over a period of 4 years between 1986-87 & 1989-90 at an outlay of Rs.451.00 lakh. A second follow up phase of Inter State Tasar Project is being implemented for 3 years from 1990-91 to 1992-93 at an outlay of Rs. 408.96 lakh of which the Swiss Development Cooperation contribution will be Rs. 186.22 lakh.

3. National Sericulture Project

A world Bank & Swiss Development Cooperation aided National Sericulture Project for mulberry is being implemented by Central Silk Board in Koraput district of Orissa since 1989-90. The project envisages beginning an additional area of 4000 acres under mulberry for the production of 12 MT of raw silk in 5 years project period. Basic sericulture infrastructures comprising P2 Farm (1 No.), Grainage (2 No.), Technical Service Centre (8 Nos.), Training School (1 No.), Drying Chambers (4 Nos.), Demonstration cum Training Centre (1 No.), Cocoon Market (1 No.) and Chawkie Rearing Centres (40 Nos.) are being created at a total cost of Rs. 414.13 lakhs.

Dearness allowance to Central Government Employees

335. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI:
SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government employees drawing basic pay above Rs. 3500/- have not been given the instalment of Dearness Allowance which became due to them with effect from July 1, 1991;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when it is likely to be released to these employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The matter is still under examination.

Lifting of ban on Silk Powerlooms in Karnataka

336. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any request from Govt. of Karnataka to permit it to go in for more silk powerlooms by relaxing the ban to avoid a situation of sudden lack of demand of the famous Karnataka raw silk:

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether the production of the silk in Karnataka will increase subtantially by lifting the ban on more silk powerlooms: and

(d) if so, the details thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (d). No, Sir, However, keeping in the view the anticipated raw silk availability in the country and the requirements of silk handloom sector/existing silk power looms, the Govt. is not inclined to encourage more silk powerlooms.